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QA Manager | Automation & Agile Specialist | Selenium & CI/CD Expertise

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SUMMARY

QA professional with 15 years of experience in QA leadership and automation, expert in Selenium and CI/CD processes. My key achievements include delivering a 95% automation coverage, reducing regression testing by 90%, and increasing the automation footprint by 35%. Seeking a Lead Automation Engineer position at Contour, where I bring my QA and automation leadership skills to support your mission of reshaping education to help every student reach their full potential.

SKILLS

Selenium WebDriver	REST - API	TOSCA	UAT	Agile	Gmail	Core Java	SQL	TestNG	Cucumber
Page Object Model	Maven	Git	Cucumber BDD	Jenkins	Scrum	Manual Testing	QTP		
Unix Shell Scripting	Postman	Excel VBA	Microsoft Suite	JIRA	Confluence	Salesforce	Siebel		
Telecom Billing	Telecom Network testing	CI/CD	Groq API						

SOFT SKILLS

Defect Management	Quality Management	Resource Management	Estimation and Budgeting	Conflict Management
Test Planning	Test Strategy	Mentoring & Coaching	Continuous Learner	Leadership

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

07/2022 - Present	● Senior Test Automation Lead Standards Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none">Engineered 95% automation coverage with Selenium + Cucumber + REST-Assured + TestNG and cutting regression testing by 90% for each release.Defined, managed and customised training plans and periodic performance reviews to team.Defined automation roadmaps expanding test coverage across new products and systems; increased automation footprint by 35%.Established QA metrics dashboards (test coverage, defect leakage, ROI) for End-to-End testing.Supported Program managers in defining test strategies, risk-based test plans, and release-readiness reviews across multiple transformation streams.Developed proof-of-concept tools (Groq API-based web app and Chrome extension) to auto-generate BDD test cases and test data.
10/2020 - 06/2022	● Scrum Master & Automation Lead Westpac -Tata Consultancy Services Limited <ul style="list-style-type: none">Lead a 15 member team supporting Trade application to reduce volume of tickets to 20% of the total volume of incidents.Liaised with 5 cross-functional team to bring back lagging project back to schedule.Ideated an approach to capture requirements which catalysed in bringing down the time required to develop each user-story by 50% which in turn helped to save 250K to project.Coached teams in self-organization, cross-functional skills, domain knowledge and effective communication.Championed framework reuse by consolidating scripts and test assets, improving maintainability and reducing rework.Co-ordinated the User Acceptance Testing with the users and comparing SIT results with UAT results.Derived Test Strategies & plans across various phases of the program, identify key goals, manage daily transactions.
10/2019 - 09/2020	● Senior QA Lead Vodafone Huthison Australia -Tata Consultancy Service Limited <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supervised Scrum ceremonies containing onsite, offshore and vendor teams.Led and mentored a distributed QA team of 10-15 analysts, upskilling testers and boosting automation adoption rate by 40%.Monitored metrics and workflows to ensure daily production targets.Increased the efficiency of the application from 75% to 90% by engaging in discussions with business stakeholders, developers and vendors to find root problem areas and mitigate the gaps in design.Prepared Test strategy, Test plans and presented to the customer for sign-offs before the start of SIT.Guided and mentored team in developing a regression suite using BDD-Cucumber framework.Reviewed Test plans, Selenium scripts with Java and created reusable scripts using VBA for test data management.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

02/2018 - 09/2019

Sydney, Australia

- UAT Test Coordinator

Vodafone Huthison Australia - Tata Consultancy Services Limited

- Trained and coached business users on UAT testing plans and requirements, ensuring alignment with business and technology teams for comprehensive UAT coverage.
- Implemented product quality standards, optimizing quality assurance steps and reviewing costs for effective testing procedures.
- Managed and supervised UAT testing team, addressing issues and tracking defects to ensure seamless processes.
- Scheduled all testing activities, prepared comprehensive reports, and created regression packs and macros to minimize test efforts.
- Liaised with clients and vendors, providing progress reports and collaborating on issue resolution.

06/2016 - 01/2018

Chennai, India

- Test Automation Lead

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- Responsible for Test Automation Framework Deliverables
- Increased the automation feasibility by providing solution using Page Object Model Design pattern to automate Web Application
- High Contribution in Technical Design Reviews, Test planning, Test Design, Test reporting and Test Closure activities
- Gathered and Suggested automation requirements with business for all the testing work streams for the program
- Prepared test estimates based on simple, medium and complex mappings for transformation project
- Established functional test plans and scripts and mapped the scripts to the business and functional requirements
- Created Shell scripts and regression test suites to reduce testing cost and effort resulting in \$50k savings

12/2009 - 06/2016

India

- Test Analyst

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- Designed and developed Automation Test Scripts and managed testing activities using Selenium
- Modified and Executed Automated and Manual Test Scripts for different modules using Selenium, QTP and TOSCA
- Involved in Defects Management (Fault Verification, Tracking Issues, Communicating Test Results, and Preparation of Bug Reports)
- Gathered requirements with the stakeholders for all the testing work streams for the program
- Automated testing suite for smoke, sanity and regression using Selenium -WebDriver
- Developed a macro tool to generate re-used test cases and results after successful execution

EDUCATION

07/2005 - 05/2009

Pondicherry, India

- Bachelor of Technology- Electronics and Communication Engineering

Pondicherry Engineering College

- Bachelor of Technology in Electronics and Communication from Pondicherry Engineering college with 7.6 GPA.
- WLAN, SGSN, GGSN, Telecommunications, Digital Signal processing.

LANGUAGES

English
Proficient



Hindi
Advanced



Tamil
Advanced



Telugu
Native



INTERESTS



Badminton



Volleyball



Cricket